Please amend the paragraph on page 12, line 25 to page 3, line 2, as follows:

-- Therefore, in a preferred embodiment, a write operation to a portion of the second storage layer is allowed if a sufficiently large portion of the first storage layer, overlying the second storage layer portion, has been written at least once, the portion of the first storage layer being smaller than the total first storage layer. In particular, a disc drive system according to the present invention is programmed to update the defect list 52 after each write operation to the first user storage area 30U1, thus releasing part of the second user storage area 30U2 for writing. Such an embodiment is shown in Figure 4B. Figure 4B illustrates the situation of a disc having a first user storage area 30U1 which has partly been written as indicated by the occupied user storage area 30UO. After the write operation, the disc drive system has liberated a portion 30UL of the second user storage area 30U2 by removing from the defect list the physical addresses corresponding to this liberated portion 30UL. The remaining portion of the second user storage area 30U2 is still indicated as being a defective area 30UD. The free user storage area 30UF now includes the liberated portion 30UL of the second user storage area 30U2.--.